

CHAIR OF MIDWIFERY.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

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PHYSICIAN TO THE ABERDEEN DISPENSARY AND LYING-IN

INSTITUTION ;

LATELY TEACHING ASSISTANT TO THE PROFESSOR OF

CHEMISTRY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN ;

&c., &c.

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TO THE
RIGHT HON. HENRY AUSTIN BRUCE,
HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I BEG most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the CHAIR of MIDWIFERY in the University of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of Dr. DYCE, and to state the grounds on which I venture to do so.

I am thirty years of age.

I am a Graduate in Arts of the University of Aberdeen, and at the termination of the full curriculum of that Faculty I gained the Boxill Mathematical Bursary, one of two prizes given for proficiency in Mathematical studies.

I also hold the Degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery from the same University, both which Degrees were conferred on me *with Honours*.

After obtaining my Medical and Surgical Diplomas, I studied for a time in Paris, and on returning home I entered on the duties of *Teaching Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry* in the University here, a position which I held

for two years, and which I resigned on commencing the practice of my profession.

Since that time I have been actively engaged in practice, both as a private practitioner and as Physician to the Aberdeen Dispensary and Lying-in Institution.

On the lamented death of Dr. Dyce, I was requested by the Medical Faculty of the University to conduct the Midwifery Class during the part of the Session (rather more than a half) which remained, and I have reason to believe that I have been able to do so to the satisfaction both of the students and of those who appointed me.

As evidence of my qualifications I beg to enclose a copy of Testimonials in my favour, and hope shortly to be able to submit to you others having more special reference to the present appointment. *

Should I be successful in obtaining the office which I now seek, I need scarcely add that I should use my utmost endeavours to discharge its duties efficiently, and to promote the interests of my ALMA MATER.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

ANGUS FRASER, M.A., M.D., F.C.S.

193, Union Street,

Aberdeen, 27th March, 1869.

* These are now appended.

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XVIII.

Extract of Minute—MEDICAL FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, Jan. 28, 1869.

DEAR SIR,

I BEG to forward you the enclosed Extract of Minute relative to the completion of the Course of Lectures on Midwifery.

Faithfully yours,
JAS. S. BRAZIER.

Dr. ANGUS FRASER.

“EXTRACT OF MINUTE”—MEDICAL FACULTY.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, Jan. 19, 1869.

“Thereafter, (the Medical Faculty) having considered
“the matter of completing the Course of Lectures on Mid-
“wifery—this subject having been remitted by the Senatus to
“the Faculty with powers, it was unanimously agreed that
“Dr. ANGUS FRASER should be requested to undertake the
“duties, and that the Dean be requested to make the neces-
“sary arrangements.”

JAS. S. BRAZIER,
Secretary to the Medical Faculty.

XIX.

From WILLIAM KEITH, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., Senior Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Aberdeen University, &c.

I HAVE great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high qualifications possessed by Dr. ANGUS FRASER, and to his special fitness to fill the CHAIR of MIDWIFERY in the University of Aberdeen, at present vacant by the lamented death of the late Dr. Dyce.

He has, to my knowledge, given such entire satisfaction, while lecturing to Dr. Dyce's Class, that I am sure his appointment would satisfy all more immediately concerned.

WM. KEITH, M.D.

&c. &c.

263, Union Street, Aberdeen,

29th March, 1869.

XX.

From DAVID FIDDES, M.D., Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Examiner for Medical Degrees, University of Aberdeen, &c.

18, KING STREET, ABERDEEN.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in complying with your request to state my opinion of your fitness for the CHAIR of MIDWIFERY in this University, vacant by the death of Dr. Dyce.

I have been long acquainted with you, and I know you have had no little experience in Midwifery, and have been successful in the practice thereof.

Your scientific attainments in the Profession, and particularly in that branch referred to, are well known ; and your having lectured with much acceptance to the Students, in conducting the Class since Dr. Dyce's death, proves you to be well fitted to fill the Chair in a manner worthy of its importance.

Yours very truly,

DAVID FIDDES.

29th March, 1869.

Dr. ANGUS FRASER.

XXI.

From J. W. F. SMITH, M.D., Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, &c.

13, UNION PLACE, ABERDEEN.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. ANGUS FRASER'S qualifications for the practice of his profession.

Having known him intimately for the last five years, and having frequently met him professionally, I can speak with the greatest confidence of his varied and practical knowledge, of his good sense and sound judgment in all matters connected with medicine.

With his scientific attainments, clearness of intellect, and fluency of expression, I consider that he is extremely well qualified for the vacant CHAIR of MIDWIFERY in the University of Aberdeen, for which he is at present a Candidate.

I am satisfied that, if appointed, Dr. FRASER will prove a zealous and successful teacher.

J. W. F. SMITH, M.D.

30th March, 1869.

XXII.

From ALEX. OGSTON, M.D., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Joint Medical Officer of Health for the City of Aberdeen, &c., &c.

156, UNION STREET,

ABERDEEN, 29th March, 1869.

LEARNING from Dr. ANGUS FRASER that he intends offering himself as a Candidate for the vacant PROFESSORSHIP of MIDWIFERY in the University of Aberdeen, I have much pleasure in stating my opinion as to his qualifications for the post.

Distinguished as a student, and successful as a practitioner, Dr. FRASER has already gained for himself a high reputation for ability and energy, and his special fitness for the position he now seeks is evident from the Medical Faculty of the University of Aberdeen having unanimously selected him to carry on the Lectures in the MIDWIFERY CHAIR when they were interrupted by the death of the late Dr. Dyce.

His popularity with the profession, and the distinguished position he is sure to attain in it, entitle him, in my estimation, to have his claims favourably considered by those with whom the appointment to the office lies.

ALEX. OGSTON.

XXIII.

From HENRY JACKSON, M.D., *Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 29th March, 1869.

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying that I have known Dr. ANGUS FRASER ever since he commenced the practice of Medicine in this city ; and from my intercourse with him, I have been led to form a high opinion, both of his acquirements as a Physician, and his character as a gentleman.

His natural abilities, sound practical judgment, and scientific attainments fully qualify him, in my opinion, for the CHAIR of MIDWIFERY, now vacant, in this University.

HENRY JACKSON, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.

XXIV.

From JAMES BOOTH, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., Aberdeen.

231, UNION STREET, 5th April, 1869.

DEAR SIR,

UNDERSTANDING that you are a candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in Aberdeen University, I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to your special ability in that department of the profession, and I consider that your qualifications otherwise would enable you to fill the office creditably to yourself, as well as the University.

Wishing you success in your application,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

JAMES BOOTH.

XXV.

From JOHN BARCLAY, M.D, C.M., Banff, formerly Assistant Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Materia Medica, University of Aberdeen.

BANFF, 1, OLD CASTLE GATE,
5th April, 1869.

I HAVE very great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high qualifications of Dr. ANGUS FRASER for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. He was one of the most distinguished students of his year, having graduated with honours both in Medicine and Surgery. I know that Obstetrics have always been a favourite subject of study and practice with him, and I feel assured that, if appointed to the Professorship of Midwifery, he would honestly and vigorously teach his subject, and be a credit to himself and the University of Aberdeen.

JOHN BARCLAY, M.D., C.M., &c.

